

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, and 24 have been amended to improve the form thereof. Thus, claims 1-28 are pending for further examination.

Claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as having limitations with insufficient antecedent basis. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully contends that the amended claims have limitations with sufficient antecedent basis. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to respond to the issues raised in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is now definite under Section 112, second paragraph. The amended claim language indicates that information can be, for example, stored on "*said* terminal" (claim 1, line 7), transmitted to "*said* terminal" (claim 1, line 17), and converted for "*said* terminal" (claim 1, line 23). Independent claims 8, 15, and 22 have been amended in a similar manner to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection has been overcome.

Dependent claims 3, 10, 17, and 24 also have been amended to clarify the above-described "terminal" limitation.

Claim 22 also has been rejected under 35 USC 101 as directed at non-statutory subject matter. Amended claim 22 now recites a “*computer*-readable recording medium” (claim 22, line 1), rather than a “*machine*-readable recording medium.” Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 22 is statutory because amended claim 22 now contains a *computer*-readable medium encoded with a data structure, defining structural and functional interrelationships between the data structure and the computer software and hardware components which permit the data structure’s functionality to be realized. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 101 rejection is requested.

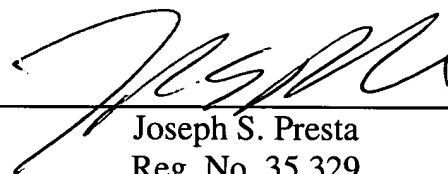
The remaining claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11-14, 18-21, 23, and 25-28 depend from amended claims 1, 8, 15, or 22. Thus, these claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on the allowable, independent amended claims 1, 8, 15, or 22.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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